



In our continuing effort to protect the health and safety of our students and staff, SCS has introduced a proof of vaccination or negative test policy. Effective November 1, 2021, individuals who **perform a service** in the school, including all school employees, must provide proof of full vaccination or evidence of a valid negative COVID-19 test.

This policy applies to paid employees, contractors and anyone volunteering in the school. Parents/guardians who are in to pick up their child(ren) or attending meetings with staff are not performing a service so are not included under this policy. However, parents or other individuals who are in the school to volunteer and will likely be in contact with students or staff (i.e., Fun Lunch prep, coaching, Noon Hour Supervision), are subject to this policy.

To be considered a valid negative test, it must be conducted at a testing site approved by the Minister of Health and must be one of the following:

- a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for SARS-CoV-2;
- a point-of-care antigen test for SARS-CoV-2;
- any other test for SARS-CoV-2 approved by the Minister of Health.

Recognizing that volunteers are not being compensated, SCS is prepared to conduct rapid antigen testing for those individuals who have not been or cannot be vaccinated prior to the date they will be volunteering in the school. Testing is conducted on the school premises and is by appointment only.

Proof of vaccination or evidence of a negative test is to be provided by the volunteer to the School Office prior to every service activity at the school.

While no method is foolproof in preventing the spread of COVID-19, our intention is to take reasonable steps to protect the SCS community. We are grateful for your continued cooperation and patience.